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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF A KENYAN FLAG SHIPPING LINE

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT PRIVATE INTERESTS, WITH GOK SUPPORT, ARE ESTABLISHING A KENYAN FLAG SHIPPING LINE UNDER THE NAME OF THETA SHIPPING LINE. THERE APPARENTLY IS A DOLS 10 MILLION ARGENTINE INVESTMENT IN THE PROJECT WITH ARGENTINE MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. THE LINE CLAIMS TO HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED TWO SHIPS AND IS SHOPPING FOR THREE MORE IN THE 10-14,000 TON CLASS.

2. THETA SHIPPING WILL BE AUTHORIZED BY THE GOK, AS THE ONLY EXISTING KENYA FLAG CARRIER, TO HANDLE UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THE INCOMING AND OUTGOING CARGO FROM MOMBASA. THE LINE'S INITIAL CAPABILITIES WILL NOT PERMIT THIS. THE GOK'S POLICY WILL BE OF IMPORTANCE TO SHIPPERS IN THE FUTURE. THIS WILL ALSO SEEM TO LEAVE LONG TERM ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY-OWNED EAST AFRICAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE.

3. WHILE INITIAL ROUTES OF THE SHIPPING LINE WOULD

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NOT SEEM TO COMPETE WITH AMERICAN LINES, THESE LINES

SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF POTENTIAL FUTURE COMPETITION
FROM THETA.

4. ANY INTERESTED PARTY CAN CONTACT THETA AT P.O.
BOX 42526, NAIROBI, CABLE THESHIPS, TELEX 22274.
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